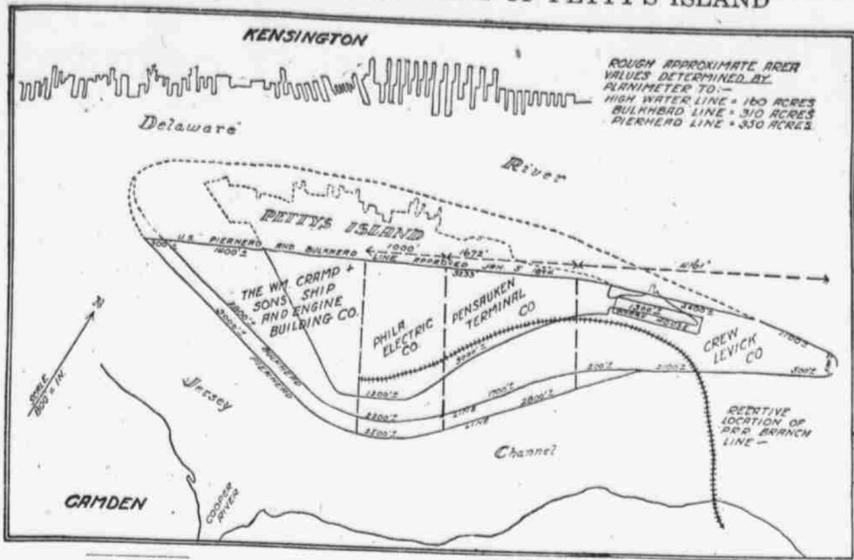


COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PETTY'S ISLAND



PETTY'S ISLAND TO HUM WITH NEW INDUSTRIES

Big Firms Buy Tracts of Land Now Lying Idle in Delaware River

WILL ERECT PLANTS

Petty's Island, lying apparently neglected for 250 years, is destined to grow into a thriving center of business and commercial activity. The recent purchases of the larger portion of the island by the William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Co., by the Philadelphia Electric Company and by the Crew-Levick Company, producers and refiners of petroleum, indicate a realization that its enviable situation in the midst of the productive center of the Middle Atlantic States and at the very gates of Philadelphia greatly increases the value of Petty's Island to industry of this section of the country.

Facing the New Jersey shore, Petty's Island has a shore frontage almost one-third as great as Philadelphia. Cramps have secured from the Pensauken Terminal Company, which until recently owned the entire island, approximately 1655 feet of the west end of the island, with the privilege of further extension of 1700 feet to the pier-head line. The Philadelphia Electric owns the adjoining 1000 feet on the north shore of the island. Almost a mile of the extreme east end of the island is in the hands of the Crew-Levick Company, while that portion of the land between the property of the oil and the electric company is still awaiting a purchaser, "though," says George C. Priestly, who is the founder and head of the Pensauken Terminal Company, "there have been prospective purchasers whose names I do not yet wish to make known."

CONTRACTS FOR WAREHOUSES  
The Crew-Levick Company has already negotiated for the erection of a long rectangular row of warehouses along the north frontage. In these, owing to the greater demand for oil in consequence of the international crisis, the oil company will find it necessary to barrel and store their lubricants for shipment. The Electric Company will utilize their plot for coal storage, since the extent of their storage on Washington avenue in South Philadelphia is proving inadequate. As far as could be ascertained, Cramps will use their ground in such manner as will depend on the exigencies of the future.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has under construction a necessary branch line from the Camden Terminal Division, in Pensauken township, across the Jersey channel of the Delaware River to Petty's Island, to tap these industries about to be started there.

The branch will be about two miles long. It will touch the island at the extreme end and will run along parallel to the north shore, communicating with each of the industries on the island. The branch will be constructed in cut and earthen embankment, with the exception of about 2500 feet over the Jersey channel, where a wooden trestle will be constructed with an eighty-foot clear span bascule drawbridge. The trestle for river traffic and two fifty-foot girder spans on either side of the drawbridge.

The line will be a single track, with a footwalk on either side, from the end at the Pennsylvania shore to Petty's Island. River road, in Pensauken township, will be carried over the proposed track by means of an overhead bridge. The contract for the building of the entire branch was awarded by the Pennsylvania Railroad to Arthur McMullen, New York city.

HISTORY OF ISLAND  
Petty's Island is located in the Delaware River between the Camden shore on the Jersey side and Kensington shore on the Pennsylvania side. It has been known by various names since it has been known at all, sometimes Treaty Island, Fairman, Shackamackon, Kensington, and lastly, since 1750, Petty's Island, after the owner, John Petty, who was an Indian trader. Previous to 1750 neither Pennsylvania nor Jersey had ever claimed ownership of the island. In 1754 a Cadwalader Evans had tried to secure a grant of the island from the crown in England, but failed. And it was not until 1782 that a "commission for the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania conferred as to an equitable division of the islands in the Delaware and awarded Petty's to New Jersey, it being nearer to the shore of that State. De facto it is a part of Philadelphia."

In his little pamphlet, "The Romance of Petty's Island," John L. Morrison states that since John Petty owned the island there have been three attempts to give the island the importance its location justifies. Under the effort of the Cooper family, of Camden, who owned it for a time, an attempt was made to establish industrial activity on the island, but the attempt was short-lived. Later an endeavor to make it a public pleasure ground failed. Finally, George C. Priestly, who saw virtue in such a great water front as Petty's enjoyed, bought the island.

LABOR UNION SHAKES OFF GERMAN CONTROL

American Defeats German Socialist for Presidency of St. Louis Organization

ST. LOUIS, June 27.—The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis, representing 3000 workmen, has shaken off German control and now advocates President Wilson's program. The change came at the annual election, when Peter Beisel, Socialist of German lineage, was defeated for the presidency by P. J. Grames, an American. The vote was 132 to 92.

Woman's Back Broken by Fall  
READING, Pa., June 27.—While picking berries at the home of John Schaeffer, a neighbor, Mrs. Petrusa P. Boyer, wife of a Reading restaurant keeper, fell from a 3-foot brook last week. Her condition is serious.

MERGED CHAIN STORES TO ABOLISH DELIVERIES

Phones Also Will Go Out Monday to Cut Expense and Prices

The American Stores Company, which was recently formed by combination of nearly all the chain stores in this locality, bringing together 1225 grocery stores, has announced the discontinuance of deliveries, distribution of circulars and telephone connections after next Saturday.

Samuel Robinson, president of the company, said the action had been taken for economy and to help the Government carry out its war program. He said that since men are soon to be called for military duty men in all necessary occupations will be at a premium.

The discontinuance of deliveries will throw the burden carried formerly by the men in the delivery department upon the housewife.

When Mr. Robinson was asked if this change in plan would mean a cut in prices he said:

"The American Stores Company is born of the idea to reduce prices, and the changes are being made with that idea in mind. The consumer, of course, will benefit."

Announcement of the plan has been made by posters at all of the stores of the company. In many cases customers protested vigorously, but when they were told of the purpose of the plan most of them said they would be satisfied to wait and see if the price reductions actually came before commencing the action.

Instead of issuing weekly circulars the company will advertise in Philadelphia newspapers, it is announced.

The stores that are included in the chain system are the Acme, Robinson & Crawford, Bell, Childs and Dunlap. They were recently merged into the new corporation, which is said to be the greatest retail grocery selling organization in the country, with a capitalization of \$20,000,000.

QUARREL ENDS IN SHOOTING

Mexican Wounded by Fellow Countryman—In Precarious Condition  
NORRISTOWN, Pa., June 27.—A fight between two Mexicans on the road near the Ivy Rock steel plant may result in a murder. Margarito Ramirez is in a precarious condition at the Norristown Hospital with a gunshot wound in the abdomen, inflicted, it is alleged, by Tony Laurori, a friend, who is now in the Norristown jail. Tony Lovitoni, another Mexican, is also held in jail as a witness to the shooting. He was fired at twice by Laurori, it is said, while acting as a peacemaker and afterward struck on the head by Laurori with the empty pistol. The three men had been to Norristown and were returning to the Derr quarters, near Ivy Rock, when a quarrel arose over a dollar which one had borrowed from the other.

Three Hurt by Dynamite

Three men were injured by the premature explosion of dynamite on the Reading Railway above Domino lane, near Shawmont. All were taken to St. Timothy's Hospital and probably will recover. They were Anthony Williams, 4683 Canton street; Solomon Gramas, 4202 Main street, and Dredano Cotorese, of 4827 Umbria street. The workmen were employed by the McGaw Contracting Company and were engaged in removing a bend of the Norristown branch. The dynamite exploded before they could run out of the danger zone.

FILTH IN NELLY'S ALLEY STIRS UP BUREAUCRATS

Revolting Conditions Cause Chief Hicks to Speed Agent to Germ-Breeding Scene

CONTRACTORS BLAMED

Have You a Nelly's Alley in Your Neighborhood?  
HAVE you a Nelly's Alley in your neighborhood? Nelly's Alley means: A dirty street the cleaner "forgot." A pail that the garbage collector didn't know about.

If you have, notify the EVENING LEDGER. Steps will be taken to remedy the evil and the contractors who neglect their duty will be fined.

Filth Facts about Nelly's Alley, published in yesterday's EVENING LEDGER, caused a commotion in City Hall today. When Chief Robert C. Hicks, of the Highway Bureau, read of the conditions he sent an inspector to the scene at once, with orders to make a thorough investigation immediately and report that the streets had been cleaned and the garbage removed.

"There is no excuse for such neglect," said the chief. "A condition such as that should not exist anywhere in this city for nearly eight hours, let alone a week." Nelly's alley, which is off Winton street near Fourth, is a narrow, evil-smelling hole. A dead cat, which had reposed for eight whole days on a pile of refuse, added its quota to the sickening, stifling odors that made the entire neighborhood unbearable. "The garbage collector is responsible for removing dead animals," said Chief Hicks. "I am going to file this matter to the bottom."

The Penn Reduction Company, which holds the contract for removing the city's garbage, denied through its superintendent that it had neglected Nelly's alley or any other part of Philadelphia. The superintendent admitted that the company should have removed the dead cat and said that if it could find the driver who refused to do it, he would be discharged.

State Senator Vane was in Harrisburg, and at his offices in the Lincoln Building no one would comment either upon the failure of his street cleaners to clean the street, or his apparent indifference to the disgusting conditions not a hundred yards away from the house where he and his brothers lived for so many years.

Dr. Howard S. Anders, 1700 Walnut street, who has been the pioneer in the movement for clean streets, declared that the contractors are at fault, and that the revolting conditions brought to light yesterday have been flourishing for years. "Those places are breeding holes for all sorts of virulent germs," said Doctor Anders. "Tuberculosis, diphtheria and infantile paralysis flourish in such districts." The fine for neglect and failure to clean streets with the frequency and in the order required by the schedule is \$2 per square or part square for each delinquent. Neglect to collect garbage, \$1 for each day for each house, provided the deduction shall not exceed \$2 for any one square. Failure to remove dead animals as required, the sum of \$3 each, for each day neglected after notification.

The Highway Bureau said it was not aware of the cat in Nelly's alley. No one notified it. The residents of Winton street tell another story. It is a pity that City Hall was a little too far away from Nelly's alley to know that the cat spoke for itself.

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Up to \$5.95 SILK WAISTS  
Of Georgette, crepe de chine, tub silks and popular summer silk materials; beaded, embroidered, lace trimming; all the newest concepts of the season. \$3.95

OUR GREAT SKIRT SALE BEGINS TOMORROW  
No woman can realize what amazing values are offered in this wonderful assortment of new wash skirts without seeing them. Think of it! Skirts, each worth \$1 to \$2.....Two for \$1

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Assortment of new skirts worth up to \$3.50. Developed in all the season's best materials and styles.

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Beautiful new models just received. Belted, pocketed and buttoned down the front with large pearl buttons. A skirt worth \$4.50 at..... \$2.95

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Summer's most favored wrap. Light, yet warm enough to give ample comfort on cool evenings. Wonderful assortment in wool, silk and wool and fibre silk. Such shades as watermelon, robin's egg, gold, rose, green, yellow, purple and citron. Some edged in Roman stripes. Values \$6.50 to \$8.75.

Extra Values IN Sports Coats At \$1.79  
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